

Please reference Docket Number OST-2004-19626-1. It is my understanding that the DOT is considering a rule allowing the Airlines to charge for a seat for passengers with service dogs. I am voicing my concern that this will affect many people that may not be able to afford to fly if they have to buy 2 tickets. I understand that a service dog takes up room on board a plane, but I would hope there is some other alternative. Also, I assume since the passenger with the service dogs has to purchase a seat for the dog, the dog would be entitled to sit in the seat. I don't want to be sitting in a seat occupied by a dog on the flight before me. Maybe an alternative is to offer free transport of the dog in a kinnel after the passenger is seated. Again, please do not allow this rule.